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Editor: M. GOVINDE GOWDA, M.A.

Mysuru, Saturday 11th January 2025

D.Litt to Dr. C.G. Betsurmath

Justice D.Y. Chandrachud** (second from right), **former Chief Justice of India and Suttur Mutt Seer Sri Shivarathri Deshikendra Swamiji, who is also the Chancellor of JSS Academy of Higher Education and Research (JSS AHER), seen presenting the D.Litt degree to Dr. C.G. Betsurmath, Executive Secretary of JSS Mahavidyapeetha, for his thesis titled 'Change Management in Education: Comprehensive Analysis of Planned and Forced Transformations' during the 15th Convocation of JSS AHER in Mysuru yesterday as Dr. B. Suresh (extreme right), Pro-Chancellor, JSS AHER and Dr. H. Basavanagowdappa (partly seen), Vice-Chancellor, JSS AHER look on.

EDITOR'S BOTTOMLINE

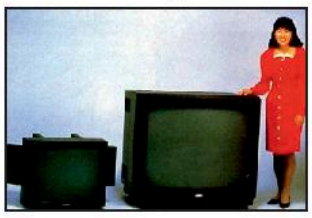
VAIKUNTAEKADASHIMESSAGE: ***All of us pray to God every day for two things. One, to grant one's endless quest for wealth, position and health. The second prayer is to grant one moksha after performing one's duties on earth. These prayers are most fervent on Vaikunta Ekadashi (Jan. 10). This day is hallowed, among all the 25 Ekadashis in a year, as it is on this day that Maha Vishnu Himself opens the gates of heaven for devotees, as stated in the Padma Purana and Uttara Kanda (chapters 36, 40), said Damal S. Ramakrishnan.***

The game of snakes and ladders, played on Vaikunta Ekadashi, teaches one to shed ego and let go of attachments. The ladder signifies devotion to God, climbing which is rendered possible by leading a life of virtue, while the snake symbolises ego that pulls one down in all one's endeavours, most of all God-quest.

The legend behind Vaikunta Ekadashi is also one of ego and ultimate surrender to the Lord. Muran, an asura, drunk on the power of his strength gained through prayer and penance, began to harass devas, who began to lose ground to him. Upon hearing the prayers of the devas, Vishnu waged war on Muran who had already secured a boon whereby even Vishnu's powerful chakra would cause him no harm. However, proving that ego can never flourish, a female force sprang from Vishnu's chest. Identifying herself as Ekadashi, she slayed Muran and Vishnu opened the portals of heaven to devas. The day came to be celebrated as Vaikunta Ekadashi, with Vishnu granting Ekadashi's wish that anyone fasting, forgoing sleep, chanting Vishnu Sahasranamam, singing bhajans and surrendering to Him be granted heaven. — *In The Hindu*

NEWS SPARKLERS

World's largest CRT TV weighs over 400 pounds

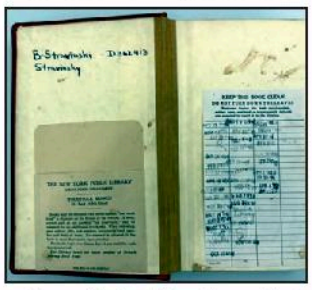


Tokyo: Announced in late 1988 to celebrate the 20th anniversary of Sony's Trinitron brand, the PVM-4300 was an incredibly expensive, made-to-order device that most people could only dream of buying.

It went on sale in Japan at a retail price of 2,430,000 Japanese yen (about $17,500 by the 1988 exchange rate) and featured advanced technology designed to reduce eye-straining flicker and improve image clarity on large-size screens and a 108cm picture tube, the largest of its kind ever made.

The world's largest CRT TV was so heavy that it had a special, forkliftable casing, as well as handles that bolt onto the sides of the monitor for improved grip. According to Sony's installation manual, at least six people were required to lift the TV set safely.

Book returned to public library after 72 years!



New York: The New York Public Library celebrated the return of a copy of Igor Stravinsky's 1936 autobiography 72 years after it was last checked out.

Billy Parrott, director of the Stavros Niarchos Foundation Library, said he received a call a few days before Christmas from the library's 5th Avenue branch.

The situation turned out to be the return of a book that had been checked out April 4, 1952, and had been due back two weeks later.

Parrot said the book, Igor Stravinsky's autobiography, was returned by a man who explained his mother had checked it out from the library's Woodstock branch in the Bronx while she was studying music at Hunter College.

Parrot said the book will not be returned to circulation, but will instead be kept "for the curiosity and engaging story."

HEALTH CAPSULE

Exercise during pregnancy is important, Improves blood circulation and keeps joints relaxed.

By Dr. Shaheen Akhtar - Consultant - Obstetrics & Gynaecology - Manipal Hospital, Mysore

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** Health Capsule is not intended to be of a diagnostic nature*

UoM Ph.D awardees

Mysuru, Jan. 11- **A.V. Sathish Kumar** has been awarded Ph.D in Political Science by the University of Mysore (UoM) for his thesis 'Karnatakadalli Alpasankyathara Sabalikaranakke Congress Pakshada Koduge: Ondu Adhyayana' submitted under the guidance of Dr. G.T. Ramachandrappa.

M.K. Pavithra has been awarded Ph.D in Economics by the University of Mysore for her thesis titled 'An Economic Analysis of Tourism Development and Environmental Hazards: A Study in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. M. Suresh.

R.M. Mahadevaswamy has been awarded Ph.D in Management Science by the University of Mysore for his thesis 'Impact of Microfinance on Sustainable Development Goals: A Study of Select Districts in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Aluregowda.

R. Rajashekhara has been awarded Ph.D in Commerce by the University of Mysore for his thesis titled 'Role of Emotional and Cognitive Factors in Digital Marketing with Special Reference to Automobile Sector in Karnataka' submitted under the guidance of Dr. Prakash B. Nayak.

WATER LEVEL

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LAUGHTER THE BEST MEDICINE

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City roads turn into showrooms!

▶ MCC apathy leads to mushrooming of roadside furniture and clothing shops

▶ Shops obstruct vehicular traffic, endanger commuters' lives and litter the area

Why must traders pay MCC trade licence fee when competition is doing business for free?

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&BCT)- In Mysuru city, there has been a rising trend of hawkers occupying footpaths and vacant spaces along main and arterial roads to sell cheap household items such as furniture, plastic-wrapped sofa sets, wooden almirahs, plastic chairs, shelves and computer tables.

While these sales may appeal to budget-conscious buyers, they present significant safety and economic concerns.

These roadside markets not only inconvenience pedestrians but also pose serious safety risks. Motorists frequently stop their vehicles on busy roads to haggle with vendors, leading to accidents and disruptions in traffic.

Several main roads across the city have become hotspots for these makeshift markets yet the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has not taken any action to vacate them.

Unholy nexus?

Many traders, who have been running their business by paying taxes, accused local leaders and officials of colluding with traders from North India who buy furniture, clothes and cell-phone covers in bulk and deploy kiosks across city roads to sell them.

They said in spite of these shops posing a threat to commuters and littering, no action is taken against them.

Why should we pay tax?

Many traders expressed anger asking, "Why must we pay property tax, trade licence fee, GST, etc., when they allow competition to sell similar products on the road for free where they don't have to pay any taxes?"

Some said it was a loss to government because what the footpath vendors should pay in taxes to government is going to the pockets of government officials.

(See ROAD on page 7)

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I never asked to name any road after me: CM Siddaramaiah

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (SBD&BCT)- Putting an end to the controversy surrounding the proposal to rename Princess Road (KRS Road) as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga' in Mysuru, Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has firmly clarified that he never sought to have any road named after him. He also stressed that if KRS Road already has an established name, it should not be altered.

Addressing the media at Mysore Airport during a private visit to the city last evening, the CM broke his silence on the contentious proposal to rename the stretch of Princess Road from Vontikoppal Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple to Royal Inn Junction in his honour.

"I have never asked for any road to be named after me. I have been in politics for 45 years and I have never sought such recognition. When Mysore University offered to confer an Honorary Doctorate upon me, I declined, saying I am not worthy of it. If a road already has a name, it should remain unchanged," the CM stated emphatically.

(See CM on page 7)

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NEWS BRIEFS

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As part of International Youth Day, the city's Karnataka Kumawat Samaj Mysuru, in association with Sri Jana Jagarana Trust, Raktadana Mahadana Go Bhakta Sanghatane Trust, Terapanth Yuvak Parishad and Jeevadhara Lions Blood Centre, is organising a mega blood donation camp at Madhava Krupa on JLB Road tomorrow (Jan. 12). For details, contact Mob: 99452-78390 or 93439-45256.

Power disruption on Jan. 13

As Chamundeshwari Electricity Supply Corporation Limited (CESC) has taken up conversion of Rabbit Conductor (Huliyamma Feeder) into Covered Conductor at Devanuru Power Distribution Centre, power supply will be disrupted on Jan. 13 between 10 am and 5 pm in the following areas: Bi Bi Ayesha Hospital, Kalyanagiri, Azeez Sait Nagar, Hyder Ali Block, Mahadevapura Main Road, Ghousianagar and surrounding areas, according to a press release from CESC Executive Engineer, NR Mohalla Division.

Coaching class

Krishik Sarvodaya Foundation will be conducting coaching classes for KPSC and other competitive exams such as KAS, PSI, FDA, SDA, PDO, Group-C, Village Accountant (VA) and Land Survey Officer recruitment exams, at its premises located at CA-25, Gen. K.S. Thimmaya Road, Vijayanagar 2nd Stage, starting from Jan. 15. Interested candidates may register their names before Jan. 14. [Mob: 82960-31570 or 94480-50584]

Quiz contest

As part of Suttur Jatra, the ICAR JSS Krishi Vigyan Kendra will be organising a preliminary written quiz contest on Agriculture for farmers and women farmers, in its campus at Suttur in Nanjangud taluk at 11 am on Jan. 16. The 10 best performers will be selected for the final round of the quiz contest and the winners will be distributed prizes. The last date for registration is Jan. 15. For details, contact Mob: 87628-40430.

Free Yoga camp

As part of Swami Vivekananda Jayanti and Rathasaptami, a 15-day free-Yoga, Suryanamaskara, Physical Exercise and Mudra Classes will be conducted from Jan. 20 to Feb. 5 at International Yoga School, located on 7th Cross, 4th Main Road, beside Yoga Park, E&F Block, Ramakrishnanagar. Yoga classes will be held from 6 am on all the days. Admission is open for both men and women. The last date for registration is Jan. 18. For details, contact Mob: 70901-57993.

Yadavagiri Railway underpass road in dire need of attention

Cratered road, darkness, dilapidation and neglect put motorists at risk on this busy stretch

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (PM&DM)- The Railway underpass road near the defunct Ideal Jawa factory in Yadavagiri, located in the Medar Block of Bamboo Bazar, is in a deplorable state, with deep potholes creating a hazardous situation for motorists.

This critical stretch, connecting Yadavagiri to Highway Circle (Moulana Abul Kalam Circle), Bannimantap, Bamboo Bazar Road and other localities, sees heavy traffic throughout the day and night. However, the road is riddled with large potholes, forcing vehicles to slow down and even a brief lapse in attention could lead to accidents.

One of the most concerning issues is the lack of streetlights, leaving the underpass in complete darkness even during the day. Despite the poor condition of the road, neither the Railway Department nor the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) has made any effort to properly repair the potholes. As a result, this vital road has become a daily nuisance for those using it.

Crumbling infrastructure

In addition to the road's poor condition, the footpath of the underpass is also crumbling, with many concrete slabs coming apart. The footpath, which is built over a stormwater drain, is at constant risk of collapse.

The drain often gets blocked, leading to water accumulation and further deterioration of the underpass during heavy rainfall. The lack of regular maintenance has left the area dirty, with plastic waste scattered across the underpass.

The Railways, responsible for maintaining the underpass, has been neglectful, with overgrown shrubs and plants covering much of the structure.

The Department has failed to trim the plants regularly, obscuring much of the underpass, which runs parallel to the Mysuru-Bengaluru and Mysuru-Arasikere Railway sections.

Adding to the inconvenience, a board installed by the V.V. Puram Police, marking the jurisdiction of the Police Station, has also been covered in shrubs. As a result, the contact details for the Police Station and Helplines listed on the board in case of emergencies are no longer visible, rendering the board ineffective for the public.

This underpass road, which plays a crucial role in connecting several localities, has become a major concern due to its poor maintenance, lack of safety measures and overall neglect by the responsible authorities.

CM inaugurates 'Bhanavi Palace'

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (MK&DM)- CM Siddaramaiah inaugurated the newly built 'Bhanavi Palace,' a Kalyana Mantapa located along the Ring Road at Lalithadripura in the city outskirts yesterday.

Speaking on the occasion, Siddaramaiah said that he was associated with Bhanavi Charitable Trust President C. Narasegowda for over 40 years. Pointing out that Narasegowda, who was a contractor for over 40 years, looked after all his poll responsibilities when he contested the Chamundeshwari Assembly by-poll on a Congress ticket in 2006, the CM recalled the help and co-operation extended by Narasegowda in all the polls he contested since then.

Maintaining that Narasegowda had not cheated anyone, he said that Narasegowda has now build Bhanavi Palace, after building Kalyana Mantaps at Hosahundi and Bogadi, which are catering to the needs of all communities. Narasegowda has also established Bhanavi Hospital at Kuvempunagar for medical care of the public, he added.

Chief Minister Siddaramaiah cutting the ribbon to inaugurate newly built 'Bhanavi Palace,' a Kalyana Mantapa located along the Ring Road at Lalithadripura in the city outskirts yesterday. Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLA G.T. Devegowda, Bhanavi Charitable Trust President C. Narasegowda, leader Nitin Venkatesh, Bhanavi Hospital Medical Director Dr. N. Vijay Cheluvaraj and 'Bhanavi' family members are seen.

Chamundeshwari MLA G.T. Devegowda, in his address, said Narasegowda has been supporting Siddaramaiah's leadership for decades. Stating that Siddaramaiah is taking forward the legacy of the erstwhile Mysuru rulers for the development of Mysuru, he expressed the hope that the CM will continue with his good administration in the future too.

Animal Husbandry Minister K. Venkatesh, MLA C. Puttarangashetty, Bhanavi Charitable Trust President C. Narasegowda, Bhanavi Hospital Medical Director Dr. N. Vijay Cheluvaraj, former MLAs M.K. Somashekar and H.P. Manjunath, leader Nitin Venkatesh and others were present.

Bhanavi Palace, a big Convention Hall, can accommodate about 10,000 persons and is suitable for marriages, meetings, functions and other events.

VOICE OF THE READER

Expansion of air services from Mysuru: A good move

Sir,

It is indeed great news that Air Kerala is exploring the possibility of expanding air services to Mysuru ***(Air Kerala explores Air Services from Mysuru*** in *Star of Mysore* dated Jan. 4).

The focus on improving tourism and the intention to establish an Aviation Academy in Mysuru are truly commendable initiatives.

We Mysureans are deeply grateful for this development and sincerely hope that the authorities concerned will soon turn this promising prospect into reality.

—Kala Chary (Bogadi)

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MGP meeting tomorrow

Preparations to celebrate World Consumer Rights Day-2025

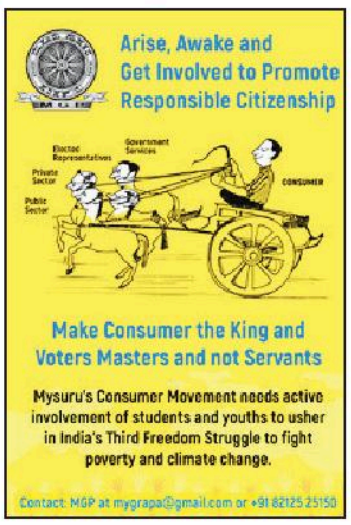
Mysuru, Jan. 11- The theme of World Consumer Rights Day-2025 is "A just transition to sustainable lifestyles" along with "Greater protection and empowerment for consumers." For Mysureans, the latter theme is urgent considering the near absence of Consumer Movement.

One telling example is the complete absence of any celebration of National Consumer Day last year on Dec. 24. To avoid such a sorry state of affairs, Mysore Grahakara Parishat (MGP) has organised January monthly meeting to discuss how every educational institution can be involved to celebrate World Consumers Rights Day on Mar.15, 2025 and National Consumer Day in December.

The meeting will be held at MGP Office on Vivekananda Road, Yadavagiri, Mysuru on Sunday (Jan. 12) at 4 pm.

"If the youths can be taught the importance of consumer rights and responsibilities in Schools and Colleges in a creative way — not through lecturing or speeches — then it can go a long way," says a press release from MGP.

"One possible way is for the Schools to have essay or poster competition (one such poster has been attached) or through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street plays or discussion among students to make them creative and such strategies will be far more productive," it stated.

Some Schools have already decided to ask the interested students to put MGP's posters in some prominent places as a practical way to get involved in spreading consumer rights.

Tomorrow's meeting will give the scope for all — specially teachers and NSS volunteers — to participate and to discuss ideas. Such a discussion may bring up some out-of-the-box ideas. With ever-increasing online frauds, World Consumer Rights Day has greater importance, the MGP press release noted.

For details contact MGP office on Ph: 0821-2515150.

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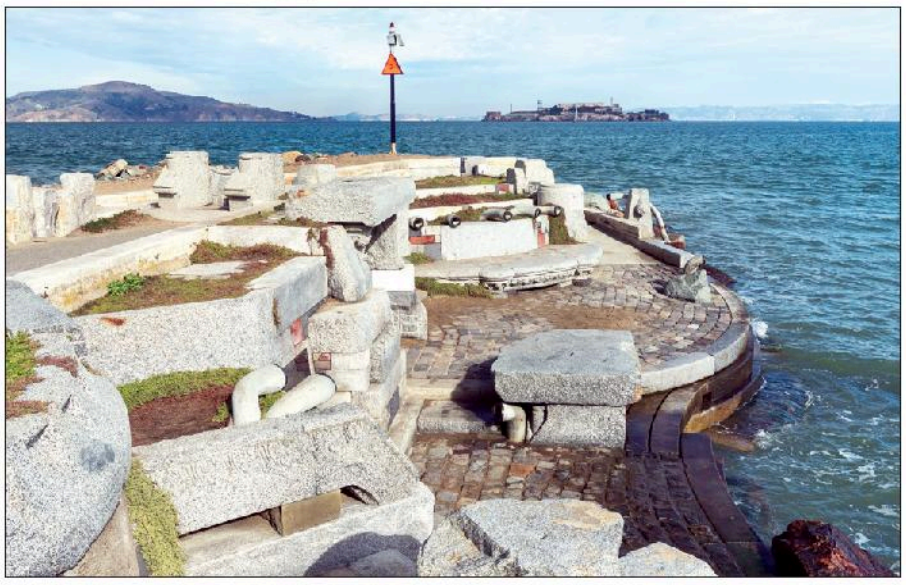
The Wave Organ Sings the song of the Sea



WAVE ORGAN

Peter Richards and George Gonzalez, 1986

This project was sponsored by the Exploratorium
and dedicated to its founder, Frank Oppenheimer (1912-1985).
The sounds you hear are created by the movement of waves in and out
of a series of submerged pipes. The full range of music is best heard by holding your ear close to the listening ports. The organ is active acoustically during higher tides and sounds best during a full moon. Some of the stone used in the construction of this work was once part of Laurel Hill Cemetery in San Francisco's Laurel Heights.

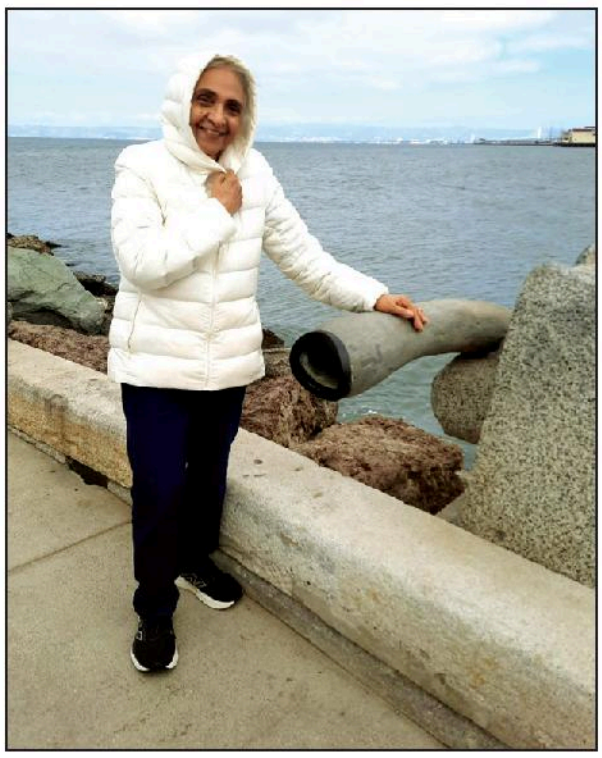
Wave Organ seating area. Alcatraz on the horizon.

Before I left San Francisco last year to return to Mysuru, I went for a walk on a promontory in the bay of San Francisco to the jetty that protects the Small Boat harbour in the Marina District. It was a lovely day, pelicans and other water birds were on the wing against the skyscape. To my delight, as leek sea otter bobbed in the water, weaving among the trim craft moored in the boat harbour. It was sunny but crisply cold and windy too. The straggly path was weedy and the paving uneven but the views on either side of it were breathtaking. To the left, on the broad sweep of the sea, white capped waves rolled ashore. On the horizon loomed the grim and rocky former prison of Alcatraz, while to the right, the buildings of San Francisco rose in serried ranks on their escarpments.

I was going to see the "Wave Organ", a wondrous, wave activated acoustical sculpture, a surprise for me. But when I reached there, it was enchantment rather than surprise; a realisation of the concept of listening to the Music of the Sea, communing with Nature itself.

The Wave Organ was constructed on the shore of San Francisco Bay in 1986 by Peter Richards, the artist-in-residence of the "Exploratorium," a premier and popular science museum of the city. The sculpture is dedicated to the memory of Frank Oppenheimer, the Founding Director of Exploratorium.

Peter Richards was inspired to build the Wave Organ after hearing a recording of sounds emanating from a vent pipe atop a floating dock in Sydney, Australia. Those unique "aural resonances" made him decide to build a sculpture using the sea waves of the Bay to produce musical sounds, a maritime melody.



Girija at the Wave Organ.

George Gonzalez, mason and master sculptor collaborated with him in constructing the actual edifice, carving the funnels or "Listening Tubes."

The jetty that leads to the monument was created from the remains of the Laurel Hill Cemetery which was demolished in 1939/40. This graveyard is said to have held the tombstones of a long line of the dead of San Francisco. Pieces of carved granite and marble, salvaged from the remains of the cemetery were used as decorations on the low retaining walls approaching the Wave monument where the seating units and the listening funnels are installed. The walls are decorated with Acanthus friezes [a leaf design of ancient Greek art] or Gothic crockets [a leaf or flower border] and other remnants. The carvings create an aesthetic, almost surreal touch to the pathway.

The Organ is an intricate structure of concrete funnels shaped like trumpets, strategically set up on the retaining walls of the jetty. They are connected to twenty-five PVC pipes that go down to different water levels. Each sound chamber holds a column of air. At high tide, the waves surge and crash into the pipes and then they ebb, bringing the Wave Organ into melodic life. The sound of the withdrawing waves combined with the play of water on the jetty, creates the Song of the Deep. Listeners become slowly attuned to this marine music. Some have found it eerie, others attribute its melancholy air to the fact that materials from the demolished cemetery were used in the building of the site.

In *The New York Times* magazine in 2002, Patricia Leigh Brown wrote a review about the Wave Organ. She described it poetically as a "Temple to Poseidon" and "a hypnotic Aeolian harp played upon by tidal forces and the monthly cycles of earth, sun and moon."

Much goes on in our world that we are now beginning to understand. We are more aware of our own dependence on our environment and habitat as well as the harm we unwittingly do to it. So it seems both apposite and meaningful to listen to the very Voice of Nature... the magical Symphony of the Sea ▪

View of the listening tubes.

Another view of concrete sound tubes.

Carved decorations. San Francisco city in the background.

Special Leave Petition in Supreme Court on proposed demolition

Former State Additional Advocate General visits Lansdowne Building

Senior Supreme Court advocate and former Karnataka Additional Advocate General (AAG), Devadatt Kamat (fourth from left), accompanied by MCC officials, visited the Lansdowne Building in Mysuru this morning.

Former Karnataka Additional Advocate General Devadatt Kamat's visit follows instructions from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who, in a meeting held yesterday in Bengaluru with elected representatives and senior officials from Mysuru, advised the authorities to contact Kamat to help resolve the ongoing dispute surrounding the demolition of both Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings.

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&DM)- Senior Supreme Court advocate and former Karnataka Additional Advocate General (AAG), Devadatt Kamat, visited the Lansdowne Building this morning to conduct an informal inspection as part of preparations for filing an affidavit in connection with the Special Leave Petition (SLP) on the proposed demolition of the building.

His visit follows instructions from Chief Minister Siddaramaiah, who, in a meeting held yesterday in Bengaluru with elected representatives and senior officials from Mysuru, advised authorities to contact Kamat to help resolve the ongoing dispute surrounding demolition of Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings.

The visit, however, was not an official one. Kamat, who was in Mysuru for personal reasons, took the opportunity to inspect the building informally. While his inspection is not officially linked to the State's involvement in the matter, it holds significance as the case progresses.

The Supreme Court is set to hear the SLP later this month, challenging the Karnataka High Court's August 2023 decision. The High Court had dismissed a Public Interest Litigation (PIL) which sought to stop the Karnataka government from demolishing or reconstructing the historic 19th-century Lansdowne and Devaraja Market buildings, both of which hold cultural and architectural significance for Mysuru.

In an earlier order, the Supreme Court directed the Karnataka Government to submit an affidavit detailing the status of the Lansdowne Building, which is expected to be part of the proceedings when the case is heard.

Kamat was accompanied by several top officials from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), including MCC Commissioner Ashaad-Ur-Rahman Sharif, Superintending Engineer K.J. Sindhu, Executive Engineer Nagaraj, Senior Health Officer Dr. Venkatesh, and Deputy Commissioner of Revenue, Somashekar.

City roads turn into showrooms!

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Bad for 'Clean City' image

Many traders also mocked the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) that hopes to make Mysuru the Cleanest City, was actually making the city look ugly and dirty by allowing roadside shops to thrive. MCC's apathy to this illegal activity going on right in front of its eyes is not only bad for the economy of Mysuru but also for the image of Mysuru as a clean and tourist-friendly destination.

Hoteliers have similar complaints

Meanwhile, even the licensed hoteliers of Mysuru have been complaining the recent spurts of numerous roadside cafes which have been putting tables and chairs on the footpaths is causing loss to licensed hotels while also causing pollution and a tourist eyesore.

MCC will vacate hawkers

When *SOM* tried to contact the MCC Commissioner, he was unavailable to comment but spoke to Dr. Venkatesh, Chief Health Officer, MCC, instead, who said: "This hawker menace, occupying footpaths, has come to our attention. We will take action to remove them as they cause business losses to legitimate traders and the Government receives no revenue through GST since they don't pay taxes or obtain trade licences. Additionally, there is no way to assess the product quality, which may pose health risks. We will soon convene a meeting of the Street Vendors Committee and take steps to vacate these hawkers engaged in illegal business."

'MCC must end this illegality'

Hawkers selling furniture on footpaths are inflicting significant losses on legitimate businesses in Mysuru, which adhere to legal requirements by paying taxes, obtaining trade licences from the Mysuru City Corporation (MCC), employing staff and covering operational costs. These hawkers are undermining the business community and need to be curbed. The MCC should take immediate action to prevent this illegal practice from continuing. Additionally, they pose a serious risk to public safety, as customers often park their vehicles on the roads to bargain and make purchases, leading to accidents. We will soon submit a memorandum to the MCC Commissioner and Deputy Commissioner to address and put an end to this unlawful activity.

— K.B. Lingaraju, President, Mysore Chamber of Commerce and Industry

I never asked to name any road after me: CM

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CM Siddaramaiah also responded to assertions by local Congress leaders that the stretch of road from Sri Lakshmi Venkataramanaswamy Temple to the Ring Road Junction is unnamed. "I am unaware of such details. I never requested for the road to bear my name, and no one has approached me regarding this," he clarified.

The proposal, initiated by Chamaraja MLA K. Harishgowda and backed by Congress leaders and activists in Mysuru, has sparked a political and public debate. Harishgowda claimed that only the stretch from Dasappa Circle to Venkataramanaswamy Temple is officially called Princess Road and that the stretch from the Temple to the Royal Inn Junction can therefore be renamed as 'Siddaramaiah Arogya Marga.'

However, this assertion has faced stiff opposition. Critics, including Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Wadiyar and BJP activists, argue that the road already bears the names Princess Road and KRS Road.

Furthermore, they highlight that the road is named in honour of Princess Krishnajammanni, with the PKTB and CD Hospital (Princess Krishnajammanni Tuberculosis and Chest Diseases Hospital) located along this stretch, further underscoring its historic name.

Political slugfest

The renaming proposal has turned into a flashpoint between the BJP and Congress, reflecting larger political dynamics in the State. MLA Harishgowda defended the renaming because the stretch is home to several hospitals, many of which were sanctioned during Siddaramaiah's first term as Chief Minister.

However, this rationale has not quelled the opposition, with political rivals and heritage advocates asserting the importance of preserving the existing name as a tribute to Mysuru's history and royalty.

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Expansion of Mysore Airport

CM directs officials to speed up land acquisition process

Compensation paid for 111 acres; payments pending for 95 acres; acquisition of 46 acres incomplete

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (KMS&BCT)- Chief Minister Siddaramaiah has assured that he will address the ongoing delays in the Mysore Airport expansion project by writing to Union Civil Aviation Minister K. Ram Mohan Naidu. He further stated that he would meet the Minister during his two-day visit to Delhi on Jan. 14 and 15, where he plans to submit a formal request to expedite the project.

The CM made this announcement during a review meeting held at his home office 'Krishna' in Bengaluru on Friday to assess the progress of development works in Mysuru district.

Expressing dissatisfaction over the slow pace of the Mysore Airport expansion, Siddaramaiah emphasised the need for prompt action to avoid further delays.

Compensation for 95-acre land

Siddaramaiah gathered updates from officials regarding the land acquisition process, which has been a significant hurdle in advancing the project. He instructed the officials to prioritise the acquisition of the remaining 46 acres of land and ensure prompt disbursement of compensation to farmers whose lands are being acquired.

Officials briefed Siddaramaiah on the progress made so far, stating that compensation has already been paid for the acquisition of 111 acres of land. However, payments are still pending for an additional 95 acres and the acquisition of 46 acres remains incomplete. The CM directed the authorities to expedite these processes to facilitate the smooth continuation of the project.

"Providing world-class infrastructure to the people should be a priority that transcends political boundaries. The Chief Minister's proactive steps in addressing the issues surrounding the Airport expansion are highly commendable," said Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar, urging all stakeholders to work collaboratively for the benefit of the region.

The Mysore Airport expansion is a long-awaited project aimed at boosting connectivity and fostering economic growth in the region. The project, however, has been marred by procedural delays, particularly in land acquisition and compensation, which have stalled progress for several months.

The meeting was attended by Ministers Byrathi Suresh, Dr. H.C. Mahadevappa, K. Venkatesh, MLAs G.T. Devegowda, Tanveer Sait, G.D. Harish Gowda, Anil Chikkamadu, T.S. Srivatsa, K. Harishgowda, Ravishankar, MLCs Dr. Yathindra Siddaramaiah, Dr. D. Thimmaiah, Chief Secretary Shalini Rajneesh, Additional Chief Secretary to the CM and Additional Chief Secretary, Finance L.K. Atheeq, Mysuru Deputy Commissioner G. Lakshmikanth Reddy, Zilla Panchayat CEO K.M. Gayathri and other senior officials.

Key development initiatives

During the meeting with the CM, several critical projects aimed at transforming Mysuru district's infrastructure and facilities were discussed:

- **Lansdowne Building:** The dilapidated Lansdowne building is to be demolished and a new structure modelled after the original heritage design will be constructed. All legal obstacles impeding this project must be resolved immediately and the vendors must be vacated.
- **Devaraja Market:** Similarly, the crumbling Devaraja Market building will be demolished to pave the way for redevelopment.
- **Dalvoy Lake:** A proposal worth Rs. 25 crore has been drafted to prevent sewage water from entering Dalvoy Lake and to develop the water body.
- **Kukkarahalli Lake:** Instructions have been issued to use lake development fees for the rejuvenation of Kukkarahalli Lake.
- **Sewage Management:** A Detailed Project Report (DPR) of Rs. 670 crore has been prepared for the construction of modern sewage systems and sewage water treatment plants in Mysuru city and newly developed layouts. This DPR will be presented in the upcoming Cabinet meeting for approval.
- **Ambedkar Bhavan:** The construction of Ambedkar Bhavan at an estimated cost of Rs. 23.83 crore will be proposed in the next Cabinet meeting to ensure timely completion.
- A proposal of Rs. 50 crore has been prepared for the construction of a Taluk Hospital and a mother-and-child hospital in Saligrama Taluk.
- Instructions have been given to submit a similar proposal for building a mother-and-child hospital in Periyapatna.
- Approval has been granted to upgrade 46 kilometres of roads within Mysuru city to improve urban mobility.
- **IT Park:** Steps will be taken to allocate land for the establishment of an IT Park in Kochanahalli. A final notification has already been issued for the acquisition of 404 acres of land under the Karnataka Industrial Areas Development Board (KIADB) in Kochanahalli for IT and semiconductor development.
- **Film City:** The CM emphasised the urgency of commencing the construction of the proposed Film City. Officials were instructed to expedite the process to ensure this long-awaited project comes to fruition.
- **Museum Project:** A project worth Rs. 13 crore has been prepared to convert the old Deputy Commissioner's Office into a museum, preserving its historical and cultural significance for future generations.

Upgrade MCC to Greater Mysuru City Corporation

MLA G.T. Devegowda urges CM to take into account ever-growing Mysuru city

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- With the continuous expansion of Mysuru city, Chamundeshwari Constituency MLA G.T. Devegowda (GTD) has requested Chief Minister Siddaramaiah to elevate Mysuru City Corporation (MCC) to a Greater Mysuru City Corporation.

Addressing a meeting chaired by the Chief Minister in Bengaluru to discuss comprehensive development in Mysuru district, GTD emphasised the necessity for the upgrade.

He highlighted the challenges faced by residents of private layouts developed over the past 30 years by the Mysuru Urban Development Authority (MUDA), noting the lack of basic amenities. He urged the Government to allocate grants to local bodies for the development of these areas.

GTD also pointed out that sewage and rainwater are flowing into lakes and rivers, underscoring the need for a new sewage system and an SBR-based treatment plant, at an estimated cost of Rs. 600 crore. In addition, he requested Rs. 50 crore for a hostel for female students at the Government First Grade Women's College in Vijayanagar 4th Stage and Rs. 141 crore for water supply to farmers along the D. Devaraj Urs Canal.

The MLA proposed forming a committee, chaired by the Deputy Commissioner, to clear encroachments on cemeteries, lakes and canals in Mysuru taluk, and called for an extension of Mysuru city's Police jurisdiction to the taluk.

He also stressed the need for road developments like the Srirampura-Jayapura-H.D. Kote Road and a double road from Srirampura to Udbur Gate.

H.D. Kote MLA Anil Chikkamadu supported the call for a double road to H.D. Kote. In response, CM Siddaramaiah assured that a meeting would be held with the Finance and Urban Development Departments to take necessary actions and allocate funds in the upcoming budget. Siddaramaiah promised Rs. 350 crore for white-topping main roads in Mysuru.

Revenue Minister assures grant of land for Intl. Cricket Stadium in Mysuru

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (BCT)- The long-awaited plan to establish a Karnataka State Cricket Association (KSCA) stadium in Mysuru is set to move forward.

Mysuru-Kodagu MP Yaduveer Krishnadatta Chamaraja Wadiyar met Revenue Minister Krishna Byregowda yesterday and urged him to expedite the land transfer process necessary for the project. Responding positively to the request, the Revenue Minister assured swift action to resolve the delays.

The KSCA has proposed to construct an international-standard cricket stadium in Mysuru, aiming to boost the city's sports infrastructure. However, procedural delays in transferring the required land have stalled the project. The MP emphasised the importance of expediting the process.

Once completed, the KSCA stadium is expected to elevate Mysuru's status as a hub for international cricket and provide a platform to nurture local talent.

Three arrested for blackmailing woman; search on for 3 more

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (RK&BCT)- The Hebbal Police have registered a case against six individuals for allegedly blackmailing a woman and attempting to extort money by falsely accusing her of operating a brothel.

Three of the accused — Hanchya Ravi, Manjunath and K.H. Hanumantharaju — have been arrested, while the remaining three accused — Yogesh, Doreswamy and Suryavardhan — are still at large and the Police are on the lookout for them.

The incident came to light when Aarthi, the wife of Chandrashekar, a resident of Hebbal 1st Stage near Madegowda Circle, filed a complaint with the Police on Jan. 9 where she mentioned that the men arrived at her house on Dec. 28, 2024, around 4.30 pm.

The group claimed to be media personnel and accused Aarthi of running a brothel from her residence. They threatened to file legal charges against her unless she paid them Rs. 1 lakh to keep the matter private.

Despite Aarthi's repeated denials of the allegations, the accused continued to pressurise her, demanding that she arrange the money immediately to avoid legal action. The group left her house after their initial demand but warned of dire consequences if she failed to comply.

However, on a subsequent visit, the accused forcibly entered Aarthi's house once again. This time, they reiterated their false accusations of her operating a brothel. The accused claimed to have the support of the Police in their operation. Aarthi, in her complaint, stated that she was intimidated and harassed throughout the ordeal. She feared for her safety and well-being due to the aggressive nature of the accused. The complaint also mentions certain gold earrings that the accused had taken from her for which they were demanding money after returning them.

Following her complaint, Hebbal Police Sub-Inspector Praveen Kumar registered the case under several sections of the Bharatiya Nyaya Sanhita (BNS) including Sections 329(4), 319(2), 309(4), 308(2) and 3(5) (blackmail, extortion and threat).

Man sentenced to life for murdering wife

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (SPN&TRR)- City's Third Additional District and Sessions Judge K. Bhagya has sentenced Sunderraj, a resident of Karigowda Layout, Hootagalli, to life imprisonment for the murder of his wife, Shanthala.

Sunderraj, originally from Toravalli village, H.D. Kote taluk, had been married to Shanthala, the daughter of Narayanashetty from Chamanahalli village. The couple, who had a daughter, initially lived in Belavadi near their workplace.

However, following Sunderraj's alleged extramarital affair, which led to frequent quarrels with his wife, the couple moved to a rented house in Hootagalli.

Sunderraj reportedly harassed Shanthala, demanding money from her parents. On Sept. 19, 2017, after leaving their daughter at his parents' house, Sunderraj quarrelled with Shanthala in Mysuru, demanding money. During the confrontation, he stabbed Shanthala to death.

Shanthala's brother filed a complaint with Saragur Police, which was later transferred to the Vijayanagar Police Station.

Following an investigation led by Police Inspector P.N. Anil, a chargesheet was filed. After hearing the case, Judge Bhagya convicted Sunderraj for murder and sentenced him to life imprisonment. Prosecutor T.H. Lolakshi represented the State.

Darshan, Pavithra Gowda get Court nod to leave Bengaluru

Bengaluru, Jan. 11 (TRR)- Kannada film actor Darshan and Pavithra Gowda, the prime accused in the Renukaswamy murder case, were granted permission by a Bengaluru court to move out of the city under their regular and conditional bail terms.

Darshan's advocate requested permission for the actor to travel to Mysuru, which was granted for the period from January 12 to 17.

Pavithra Gowda's advocate sought permission for her to travel outside the state for business trips, and the court allowed her one month to visit Mumbai and

Darshan Pavithra

Delhi for material procurement for her 'Red Carpet' showroom in R.R. Nagar, Bengaluru.

The High Court had previously granted regular bail to all seven accused, stipulating that they must not leave Bengaluru without court approval and must attend court every month.

Sandalwood thieves nabbed

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (SBD&TRR)- Two persons, who had stolen sandalwood from a residence in city, have been arrested by Kuvempunagar Police.

Kiran, aged 32, a resident of Krishnagiri taluk in Tamil Nadu and Suri, aged 27, of Malavalli taluk of Mandya, are the arrested persons. During investigation, they admitted that they had stolen sandalwood from a residence on Panchamantra Road in Kuvempunagar here.

The two standing with their Pulsar bike near Dattagalli Ring Road were caught when Kuvempunagar Police who were on rounds asked them to show the documents of the bike but they could not give proper answer. Getting suspicious, Police checked their bags only to find pieces of sandalwood and a small hand saw.

Police arrested the duo and on further investigation, they said that they were going to sell the same at Mandi Mohalla. Police have registered a case and are investigating.

Man missing

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (KS)- A 35-year-old man has gone missing since Jan. 8 from Mysuru South Police limits. The missing man is Tanveer Ahmed alias Tannu. He is 6 ft. tall, normal built, oval faced, light brown complexioned, has a mole near the right side of his neck and was wearing a red and black coloured readymade shirt and a white and blue coloured jeans pant.

Tanveer Ahmed

Those having any information about the missing man may contact Mysuru South Police Station on Ph: 0821-2444955 or the District Police Control Room on Ph: 0821-2444800.

Kodava movie screening

Mysuru, Jan. 11- The Kodava movie *'Kalathra Kali'* will be screened at the Mysuru Kodava Samaja on Jan. 11, 12 and 13.

The screening timings are as follows: Morning: 10.30 am, afternoon: 2 pm and evening at 6.30 pm. Kodava art enthusiasts and cinema lovers are invited to enjoy this cultural treat and show their support for the Kodava film industry. Tickets will be available at the venue. For bookings and inquiries, contact: Mob: 63601-89482 or 98806-00240 or Kodava Samaja Office: 93533-80260.

Elected as new office-bearers

Mysuru, Jan. 11 (VNS)- Following have been elected unanimously as the Directors of **Mysuru-Chamarajanagar District Government Employees Credit Cooperative Society** (2025-2030): Dr. C.B. Arunkumar, D. Anand, J. Govindaraju, S. Raghu, S.L. Krishnaswamy, S.A. Harish, S.N. Manjunath, A.C. Manjegowda, C. Ramesh Kumar, Meenakshi, E. Komala, T. Balarama, N.K. Ganesh, C.S. Ramesh Kumar and H.J. Lokesh.

The election scheduled to be held on Jan. 12 (Sunday) stands cancelled following the unanimous election of the Directors, according to a press release from D. Krishnamurthy, Chief Executive Officer of the Society.

Sri Rama Seva Ursu Mandali: Following have been elected as the office-bearers of Sri Rama Seva Ursu Mandali, Nanjaraja Bahadur Education Charity Fund Boarding Home, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru: Sundar Raje Urs (President); Ganesh Raje Urs (Vice-President); B.G. Nataraje Urs (Secretary); Veeraraje Urs (Joint Secretary) and K.V. Venkatasubbaraje Urs (Treasurer); B. Vijaya Urs, Raghuraje Urs, P. Krishne Urs, M.C. Vinay, Sulekha Urs, Prakash Raje Urs, C. Ashwini, K.S. Mahesh Urs, K. Mahesh Urs and Abhinandan Urs (all Directors).

Obituary

Lt. Col. Kulletira B. Appanna

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Lt. Col. Kulletira B. Appanna (retd.), a resident of No. 537, 14th Main, B-Block, 3rd Stage, Vijayanagar, Mysuru, passed away yesterday. He was 89.

He leaves behind his wife Sarasu Appanna (Sannuvanda, Mayamudi) and a host of relatives and friends. Last rites were held at Muktidhama in Vijayanagar 4th Stage here this afternoon.

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EVENTS TODAY (JAN. 11)

- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** Golden Jubilee of International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, **Sri Someshwaranatha Swamiji** of Adichunchanagiri Mutt, Mysuru Branch, inaugurates, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **2.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi:** 'Kathe Kelona Banni- 862,' story-telling by Dr. Palaniswamy Mudugooru, Assistant Professor, JSS Polytechnic for Differently Abled (JSS PDA), Suruchi Rangamane, # 476, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **4.30 pm to 5.30 pm.**
- **Hari Vidyalaya:** Launching of Sankranti Sambhrama, annual music and arts festival as a tribute to its Founders, Hosamane Alamelamma Ramaswamy Iyengar and Founder-President late M.K. Venkateshaiah, concert by eminent Karnatak vocalist Vid. G.K. Manmohan, accompanied by Vid. Keshav Mohankumar on violin and Vid. Aniruddha S. Bhat on mridanga, Shree Vedanta Deshika Mantapa, Hari Vidyalaya, Bogadi, **5 pm.**
- **Bharatiya Vidya Bhavan (BVB) School:** Bhavanotsava, 19th Annual Day, MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, former MLA and BJP Spokesperson Capt. Ganesh Karnik chief guest, Mysuru North BEO S. Revanna guest of honour, BVB Mysuru Chairman K.B. Ganapathy presides, Open Air Theatre, Manasagangothri, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hill:** Kotharotsava Vaibhava, 'Sangeetotsava,' Devotional Songs by Karnataka Kalashree Ananda Madalagere & Rakshita Madalagere and troupe, Bengaluru, Deeksha Mantapa inside the Hill Temple, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** Nrityopasana, music scholar Dr. R.S. Nandakumar inaugurates, Bharatanatyam scholar Vidu. Megha P. Rao chief guest, Pratishtana President Dr. D. Umapati presides, **6 pm;** Bharatanatyam Marga by Harshini Prajwal, **6.30 pm;** Bharatanatyam Marga by Anusha Varun, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7.45 pm to 9 pm.**
- **Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Sabha, Bengaluru and Hebbar Sri Vaishnava Upasabha, K.R. Vanam, Mysuru:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by K.S. Sridharan, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's College, Bengaluru, Sanatani Sabha, 2nd Main, 10th Cross, Jayanagar, Mysuru, **6.15 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Venugopalaswamy Temple:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Vidu. Dr. K.L. Prasannakshi, retd. Sanskrit Professor, Maharani's Arts College, Mysuru, Temple premises, Tyagaraja Road, **6.30 pm.**
- **Kalasuruchi, Kutuhali-Kannada and The Academy Trust:** Science Sanje, Dr. G.S. Kumar, Head, Health Section, Swami Vivekananda Youth Movement (SVYM), Mysuru, delivers a talk on 'Today's Girl Child Tomorrow's Mother,' Suruchi Rangamane, Chitrabhanu Road, Kuvempunagar, **6.30 pm to 7.30 pm.**
- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Sri Mudumbe Ramanujan, Melukote, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

EVENTS TOMORROW (JAN. 12)

- **Central Government Pensioners Association, Mysuru:** Pensioners Day, Association President P.M. Parameshwaraiah presides, Sadvidya Patashala premises, Narayan Shastri Road, **10 am.**
- **Kavyaranjani Sabha and Arivu Education and Cultural Trust, Mysuru:** Folk expert Prof. Krishnamurthy Hanuru releases video book of 'Karnata Bharata Kathamanjari' containing gamaka vachana of each verse of Adi parva; *Karanataka Kalashree* Gamaki K. Ramachandra presides; 'Beragala Bharata' staged reading by students of Arivu Educational Institution, Venne Seshanna Bhavana, Kuvempunagar, **10.30 am.**
- **Music Concert:** Musical tribute to Mysore Vasudevacharya by senior musician Vidu. Mysore M.R. Sudha and her students, accompanied by Vidu. Aditi Krishnaprakash on violin, Vid. A. Radhesh on mridanga and Vid. V.S. Ramesh on morching, Vasudevacharya's residence, near Agrahara, **10.30 am.**
- **Silk Fab:** Exhibition-cum-sale of handloom products, JSS Mysuru Urban Haat, Hebbal Industrial Area, Ring Road, **11 am to 8 pm.**
- **Kumar Performing Arts Centre (KPAC), Mysuru:** Golden Jubilee of International Nirantara Kalemane Festival, MLA K. Harishgowda inaugurates, Kalemane Sabhaangana, Hebbal, **2.30 pm.**
- **Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, Mysuru:** 'Hejje-Gejje,' 27th Annual National Dance Festival - 'Shiva Tandava Nrityotsava' by over 200 artistes and conferring of 'Kannada Ratna' award on actress Girija Lokesh and Guru Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru, Kalamandira, **5 pm.**
- **Sri Ramakrisha Paramahamsa Seva Pratishtana, Ramakrishnanagar, Sri Vivekananda Yuvakara Balaga, Sri Nadaprabhu Kempegowdara Sangha and Vivekanandanagara Nivasigala Vedike, Vivekanandanagar and various other organisations:** Swami Vivekananda's 163rd Jayantyotsava celebrations, Vivekananda Circle, **5 pm.**
- **Sangeetha Priyara Balaga:** 'Sangeetha Suggi,' a musical evening of new & old film songs, led by A.D. Srinivasan, Sri Nadabrahma Sangeetha Sabha, **5 pm.**
- **Kalasandesha Pratishtana:** Nrityopasana, Bharatanatyam Marga by Vidu. Megha P. Rao, **6 pm to 7 pm;** 'Sambhavami Yuge Yuge' by disciples of Vid. K. Sandesh Bhargav and Vidu. Anusha Varun, RamaGovinda Rangamandira, Ramakrishnanagar, **7 pm to 8.30 pm.**
- **Chidambaranatesha Natya Shale Trust, Mysuru:** Nritya Aradhana 2024-25, Classical Bharatanatyam and Felicitation to senior artistes, former Syndicate Member Dr. Chandrashekar inaugurates, Akhila Bharatiya Sahitya Parishat-Mandya Secretary Dr. E.C. Ningaraju presides, felicitation to Nrityagiri Trust Founder-Director Dr. Tulasi Ramachandra, Sri Kalyana Lakshmi Venkataramana Swamy Temple Founder H.G. Giridhar will be present, Jaganmohan Palace, **5.30 pm.**
- **Sri Chamundeshwari Temple, Chamundi Hill:** Kotharotsava Vaibhava, 'Sangeetotsava-2025,' Karnatak Classical Music - Vocal recital by Vidu. Dr. Veena Ravikumar and troupe, Mysuru, Deeksha Mantapa inside the Hill Temple, **6 pm to 9 pm.**
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- **Sri Mahajana Sabha:** 'Thiruppavai' discourse by Sri Mudumbe Ramanujan, Melukote, Sri Rama Mandira, Krishnamurthypuram, **6.30 pm.**
- **Natana Rangashale:** Staging of Kannada play 'Yaaru ee Keechaka?,' play is written by K.L. Vishwanatha, a retired Kannada Professor and directed by K.V. Krishna Kashyap, a seasoned theatre artiste, Natana premises, Ramakrishnanagar, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangayana:** Staging of play 'My Family,' directed by Ganesh Mandarti, Bhoomigeeta auditorium, Rangayana premises, **6.30 pm.**
- **Rangaratha and Sanchalana Mysuru:** Staging of Kannada play 'Eddaga Nimdu Kaddaga Namdu,' directed by Asif Kshatriya and Shwetha Srinivas, Mini Theatre, Kalamandira premises, **7 pm.**
- **Avadhoota Datta Peetham:** 4k Projection Mapping on 45-ft tall Karya Siddhi Hanuman statue, Sri Ganapathy Sachchidananda (SGS) Ashram, Dattanagar, Nanjangud Road, (3 Shows) **7.10 pm, 7.40 pm and 8.10 pm.** [Note: If rain or wind persists shows will be cancelled]

'Hejje-Gejje' Dance Festival

Vid. Sridhar

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters, Mysuru, has organised 'Hejje-Gejje,' the 27th Annual National Dance Festival at Kalamandira in city tomorrow (Jan. 12) at 5 pm.

On the occasion, around 200 artistes will present 'Shiva Tandava Nrityotsava.'

'Kannada Ratna' award will be conferred on Actress Girija Lokesh and Guru Mysore B. Nagaraj of Articulate Trust for Arts, Bengaluru. 'Hejje Gejje Nritya Ratna' award will be presented to Central Sangeet Natak Akademi's Ustad Bismillah Khan Yuva Puraskar recipients Dr. Vasanth Kiran of Bharata Kalagrama, Natya Gurukula, Kolar and Dr. Laxminarayan Jena of Articulate Dance Studios.

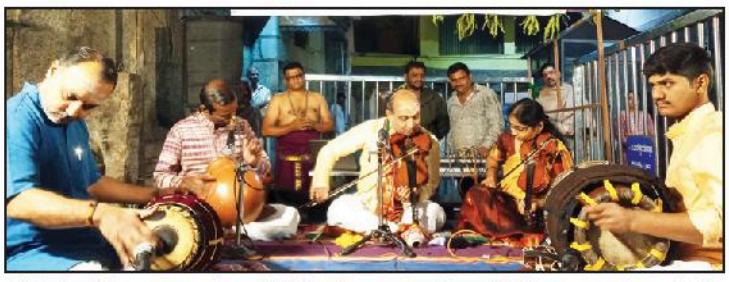
'Hejje Gejje' award will be given to Vid. Nidhaga Karunad & Vidu. Rachana Karanik couple of Sri Purandara International Trust Karunada Gurukula, Bengaluru, Vid. Nikhil Ravi Parmar of Kathak Tarana, Bengaluru and Vyshali Chandraprabhu of Jwalamala News, Mysuru.

Also, Dr. Kamalamma of Srinivasa Maternity Home (Mysuru), art patron & veena player Revathi Kamath (Bengaluru), artiste Bhagya Ajaykumar (Mysuru) and Raju Jain of CYIENT DLM (Mysuru) will be felicitated.

Bharatiya Jain Milan National Secretary D. Surendra Kumar & National Vice-President D. Anita Surendra Kumar, IGNCA & NEEMRANA Advisor Ashish Mohan Khokar, Shraddha Amit of Bengaluru's Jina Bhajana Kendra Samiti, Kannada & Culture Department Joint Director V.N. Mallikarjunaswamy and Assistant Director Dr. M.D. Sudarshan will be the guests of honour, according to Vid. Sridhar Jain and Vidu. Sowmya Sridhar Jain of Sri Nimishamba Dance Promoters.

Kotharotsava at Hill Temple

Vid. R.S. Nandakumar performing at Chamundi Hill Temple last evening as part of the 2025 'Sangeetotsava' programme of the Kotharotsava Vaibhava of Sri Chamundeshwari Temple atop Chamundi Hill. He is accompanied by Vid. Madhusudhan on violin, Vid. Shyam on mridanga; Kustub and Nagaraj on vocals.



Vid. Ambhaprasad and Vidu. Amrutha Varshini presenting violin duet at the Hill Temple premises on Thursday evening. They are accompanied by Vid. Raghunandan Bhargav on mridanga, Vid. Manjunath on ghata and Vid. Likhith on dolu.

Brahmachari Saikeerhtinathaji, accompanied by Vid. H.L. Shivashankar Swamy on mridanga & Vid. Raghunandan Rao on ghata, presenting harmonium recital at Hill Temple on Wednesday.

Vidu. Jyothi Ravindran presenting a veena recital at Chamundi Hill Temple on Tuesday. She is accompanied by V. Yashasvi on violin and V. Vikram Bhardwaj on mridanga.

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Choo Mantar (K) - 4 Shows

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Balaji Theatre **Mob: 98863-25207**
Fateh (H) - 4 Shows

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Game Changer (Te)	(S-1)	7.10 am, 10.25 am, 4.10 pm
	(S-3)	1.10 pm; (S-4) 7 pm, 10.20 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	(S-1)	1.45 pm; (S-2) 4.30 pm
	(S-3)	10.45 am
Max (K)	(S-1)	7.30 pm, 10.20 pm
UI (K)	(S-2)	11 am
Madraskaaran (Ta)	(S-2)	1.45 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	(S-2)	7.05 pm, 10 pm
Fateh (H)	(S-3)	7.20 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	10.05 pm
Max (K)	(S-4)	10.30 am, 1.20 pm, 4.10 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) (S-3) 4.30 pm

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Max (K)	(S-1)	11 am; (S-2) 7 pm
	(S-3)	4.15 pm; (S-4) 1.25 pm, 9.20 pm
UI (K)	(S-1)	1.35 pm, 4.05 pm
Paristhithi (K)	(S-2)	11.15 am
Teddy Bear (K)	(S-3)	11 am
Choo Manthar (K)	(S-3)	1.35 pm
	(S-4)	10.45 am, 3.55 pm, 6.40 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	(S-3)	6.45 pm, 9.25 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) (S-1) 6.35 pm

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Game Changer (K)	:	12 noon
Max (K)	:	9.55 am, 12.45 pm, 3.30 pm 7.20 pm, 9.30 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	10 am, 1.10 pm, 4.10 pm, 10.10 pm
Den of Thieves 2: Pantera (E)	:	1 pm, 6.55 pm
Mufasa: The Lion King (E-3D)	:	3.35 pm
Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (H)	:	3.45 pm
Fateh (H)	:	4.05 pm, 10 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	6.10 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	10.15 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) : 7.20 pm

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Game Changer (Te)	:	8.25 am, 9.15 am, 12.25 pm, 2.50 pm 3.30 pm, 6.55 pm, 9.15 pm, 10.20 pm
Game Changer (K)	:	9.15 am, 9.45 pm
Max (K)	:	9.35 am, 12.40 pm, 3.50 pm, 6.40 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	11.50 am, 6.15 pm, 9.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	12.40 pm
Fateh (H)	:	4 pm
Teddy Bear (K)	:	6.50 pm

Police Public School celebrates Annual Day at KPA Auditorium

Mysuru, Jan. 11- Police Public School on Mahadevapura Main Road in Jalapuri, Mysuru, celebrated its 16th Annual Day in a grand manner for two days and in three sessions at the Karnataka Police Academy (KPA) Auditorium in city recently.

The first session was for the students from classes Pre-KG to class 2. Jayaprakash, IPS, Deputy Director, State Intelligence, Mysuru Division, was the chief guest. Dr. R.M. Sumanth Vasistha, Clinical Embryologist and Playback Singer, was the guest of honour. The Annual Report for this section was presented by M.G. Manjula, Vice-Principal (Nursery).

The chief guest spoke on the importance of using alternate medicine, especially for children and the benefits of following a rich vegetable diet with a disciplined daily routine.

This was followed by a colourful entertainment programme by the tiny-tots.

For Session 2, Basavaraj, IFS, District Forest Officer, Mysuru, was the chief guest. Dr. Sarika Prasad, Child Specialist, who was the guest of honour, stressed the importance of holistic education as opposed to mere bookish education.

The Annual Report for this Session was presented by Sheela, Kannada HoD of the school. Following this was entertainment by the students of classes 3, 4 and 5.

Session 3 commenced with Mona Roat, IAS, CEO, Zilla Panchayat, Chamarajanagar, as the chief guest. In her speech, she stressed the importance of education. The Annual Report for the year 2024-25 was presented by Principal I/C, Deena Uthappa, highlighting the School's achievements in various fields.

The celebrations concluded with the Grand Finale showcasing the Cultural Dance forms of South India.

Guests at Session - 1.

Session - 2

Session - 3

A group photo of Police Public School students, who presented a grand cultural programme.

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Max (K)	:	9 am, 1.20 pm, 7.30 pm
Game Changer (Te)	:	9.55 am, 12.15 pm, 3 pm, 3.10 pm 3.40 pm, 7.05 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Game Changer (K)	:	11.45 am, 6.35 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	11.55 am
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	4.10 pm, 6.20 pm
Kaho Naa Pyaar Hai (H)	:	9.40 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

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Game Changer (Te)	:	6.30 am, 7 am, 9.40 am, 12.05 pm 12.15 pm, 3.30 pm, 3.40 pm 7.05 pm, 10 pm, 10.30 pm
Max (K)	:	9.15 am, 7.20 pm
Fateh (H)	:	10.20 am, 4.30 pm
Yeh Jawaani Hai Deewani (H)	:	1.10 pm, 7 pm, 10.10 pm
Choo Mantar (K)	:	4 pm
Marco (Ma)	:	6.55 pm
Rekhachithram (Ma)	:	10.20 pm

Nimma Vasthugalige Neeve Javaabdaararu (K) : 1.05 pm

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